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**PRESIDENT OF CONGLAS SENTENCED FOR TAX FRAUD**

FRESNO– United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott, and Special Agent In Charge (SAC) Roger L. Wirth, Oakland Field Office, IRS, Criminal Investigations announced today that DARON J. TOMAS, 54, of Bakersfield, California, was sentenced by the Honorable Oliver W. Wanger, United States District Judge sitting in Fresno, California to 12 months incarceration; 6 months in prison and 6 months in a half-way house. TOMAS, the president and chief operating officer of Consolidated Fiberglass Products, Incorporated (CONGLAS), previously pled guilty to filing a false and fraudulent tax return in which he under reported his income for the 1996 calendar year by over \$500,000.

The case was the result of an investigation by Special Agent John Rialon of the Criminal Investigative Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan B. Conklin, who prosecuted the case, TOMAS admitted in his plea that he obtained over \$1.5 million from CONGLAS over a three-year period, by causing hundreds of \$2000 corporate checks to be written from a CONGLAS account. The checks were written in \$2000 amounts because TOMAS had single signature authority for checks up to \$2,000 and did not need approval of any other corporate officer for such checks. Rather than using those funds he obtained from CONGLAS for business purposes, TOMAS used them for extravagant improvements to his estate style home in Bakersfield. These improvements included a 3400 square foot guest home, a maze garden and related lighting, a circular corral, a gazebo, a jet ski ramp, a tack house, a lighted soccer field and horse arena and a wood paneled library. At one time it was estimated that TOMAS owned one of the largest homes in Bakersfield.

According to United States Attorney Scott, "This case should give pause to those who unlawfully violate the tax laws of the United States."

"The IRS will continue to pursue tax fraud cases like this one. This is a classic case of fraud and self enrichment at the expense of honest taxpayers," stated SAC Wirth.

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